

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION

	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
MALE	49.6	50.2	47.4	46.9	46.3	46.3
FEMALE	50.4	49.8	52.6	53.1	53.7	53.7
WHITE	61.9	63.7	59.4	57.9	61.0	64.8
NONWHITE	38.1	36.3	40.6	42.1	39.0	35.2

EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS

Between 1950 and 1960, the population of Rocky Mount followed the general trend of eastern North Carolina; that is, the young adults migrated from the area.

Table III portrays the changes which occurred in Rocky Mount's population by age, sex, and race. There was a decline in the number of persons between 20 and 30 years of age from 1950 to 1960 in each sex and race classification. The "change" column on Table III shows what has occurred for a specific age group over the ten-year period. In 1950, there were 491 white males between the ages of 15 and 19. Ten years later the persons who were in this age group were now between the ages of 25 and 29, but there were 630 persons counted in this age group in 1960. Therefore, there was a net increase of 139 people in the 15 to 19 age group in 1950 as that age group moved forward to 1960. Even though this increase occurred, there were still 169 fewer people between 25 and 29 in 1960 than there were in 1950.

The trend toward fewer young people is even more significant in the non-white population. Between 1950 and 1960, there was a decline in the number of persons between 20 and 40 in both the non-white males and non-white females.

Chart I shows that between 1950 and 1960, Nash and Edgecombe Counties became more urban and less rural. In 1960, 66.6 per cent of the people in the two counties were living in either urban areas or were rural non-farm persons.

Between 1950 and 1960, the total number of white males